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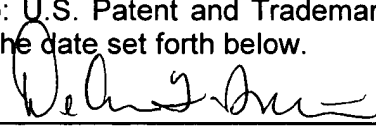
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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION FROM EXAMINER

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Communication from the Examiner mailed from the Patent Office on August 16, 2002 (Paper No. 19). Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 13, 27, and 29 as follows:

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13. **(Amended)** An isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:  
a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,